

4-H Clover Dogs

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Office News

Lucy has decided that she needs a change and is moving on. Her last official day was August 12. She is going back to teaching school—better hours with her children. We wish her the best! We were also saddened by the death of one of our former agents, Mr. Robert Vandivere. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

2008 Perry County Fair – Need to Know

Dates are September 9 – 13

Parade is Saturday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the High School in Perryville. While it's NOT a requirement, you are very encouraged to participate!

Eligibility Rules:

- Become a 4-H member by June 1 of current 4-H year
- Attend at least three meetings of your club prior to the county fair
- Participate in at least one county activity/event prior to the fair
- You may forfeit your premium money for improper complaint procedures (see Ed for the details)
- Must have attended the Mandatory meeting on August 9 (see Ed for details)

Entries

Items, poultry/fowl and/or livestock may be entered on Tuesday evening, September 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You may wish to enter your livestock on Wednesday from 8 to 10:00 a.m., but *4-Hers are encouraged to enter all their exhibits on Tuesday evening to lessen the congestion for other exhibitors.* This year, we will have a one way drive to load and unload your livestock! Call Ed for the details, if you missed it during the mandatory meeting. Call Ed, to make arrangements for the Mandatory meeting, if you were unable to attend! All other exhibitors must be in place by noon on Wednesday, September 10.

Reminder: you must first obtain your entry number at the fair office and pay your livestock entry fees. Please make sure all your paperwork is ready and available when you register your animals.

If you have any further questions, please call Ed at 889-2661.

Educational Booths

It's not mandatory to have an educational booth in the educational/exhibit building, but the importance for each 4-H club to have an educational booth not only to participate in the fair, but to also teach the public on our great organization is always encouraged. Judging is based on *Appropriateness of Theme* (this year's theme is "Arkansas 4-H Centennial – Honoring the Past – Celebrating the Future"); *presentation* (did it catch the public's eye, and *effectiveness* (did they learn something). I really hope to see many entries!

Educational Building

You have worked hard on your 4-H projects and now is the time to be recognized for your hard work. Members can enter their other entries at the educational building such as canned goods, clothing, foods, crafts, etc. on Tuesday evening or by noon on Wednesday. It has to be something you have made within the past twelve months. I know many of you can come up with several items to enter, especially if you attended the Arts & Crafts day! And, don't forget those vegetables and/or fruits you've grown!

Poultry Chain News

The 2008 Poultry Chain Auction will be held Saturday morning, September 13 at the Perry County Fairgrounds. The Auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to advertise for the poultry sale. We have many return customers each year and maybe we can gather up a few new ones. We have white and red leghorns and all kinds of specialty breeds.

We also need to know how many chickens you plan to sell at the auction. **ONLY THIS YEAR'S CHICKENS CAN BE SOLD AT THE AUCTION!** You may sell your other poultry at the fair on your own.

Poultry Chain participants – please don't forget to purchase Piperazine wormer for your chickens this week. ***All exhibits must be entered no later than Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. The Poultry Chain Auction will be held on Saturday, September 13.***

Belt Buckles and Auctions

ALL livestock exhibitors should be out recruiting donations for belt buckles and for the livestock and poultry auctions! The more people we tell about the wonderful organization of youth and how well they do with their animals, the more money everyone makes! Be looking for a letter to use as a handout!

Livestock Entry Fees 2008

Poultry	25¢	per entry
Rabbits	25¢	per entry
Goats	\$1	per head
Sheep	\$2	per head
Swine	\$3	per head
Horses	\$4	per head
Cattle	\$5	per head

Scrambles

Only active members of 4-H and/or FFA are eligible to compete in the scrambles. You are required to pre-register with the Extension office for this event. **Deadline for registrations is Friday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m.** You may pick up a form at the Extension office or go to our website and print them off. If you have any questions, please give us a call at the Extension office.

Rada Cutlery – Great Gift Idea

Perry County 4-H members are now taking orders through August 29 for Rada Cutlery. One of the main reasons for the order is a fund raiser for the Perry County 4-H Foundation. Perry County 4-H has grown from 56 members, just a few short years ago, to over 250 members, with little to no increased funding. Proceeds from this order will go directly to the 4-H Foundation to benefit all 4-H members in Perry County with programs, awards, trophies, scholarships, ribbons and the annual awards banquet to be held on October 30. With the increase in members and no increase in funding, not to mention the rising cost, we really need to support this and all fund raisers for the Foundation.

Rada Cutler offers a "lifetime" guarantee. They will replace any product manufactured by their company. This is a product that many cooks are familiar with and most of our orders are from repeat customers. Rada offers fine quality cutlery, cook books, quick mixes, stoneware and soy wax candles at reasonable prices. Rada products make great gifts for newlyweds, Christmas, house warmings, etc.

To see a catalog, ask any 4-Her, call Vicki at the office at 889-2661 or visit the Rada site at: www.radamfg.com <http://www.radamfg.com> Orders taken by August 29 must be pre-paid and should be ready for delivery by the middle of September.

Great Arkansas Clean Up Set

Each year, Arkansans improve the environmental quality of their communities by volunteering in the Great Arkansas Clean Up. Many of our 4-H clubs already participate in “Keep Arkansas Beautiful” and have a part of highway mileage they are responsible for maintaining. This year’s fall cleanup campaign will run from September 6 – November 29.

All communities across Arkansas are encouraged to become involved in this annual litter pick-up event. To learn more about organizing a cleanup event in your community, or to volunteer in a local event, please visit KeepArkansasBeautiful.com; call toll free at 888-742-8701; or email pickuparktreresa@sbcglobal.net.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

Shooting Sports Leader Training is September 26. We are in desperate need of a volunteer leader for each of the following events: 1) Muzzle Loader, 2) Shotgun, 3) Rifle, 4) Pistol and 5) Archery. We have a great group of kids who love this program and have done very well in competition in the past. If you are interested in this type of activity, please give Ed a call at 889-2661.

New 4-H Year!

Can you believe we have already passed another year in 4-H? What an exciting and fun-filled year we’ve had in 2008!

The NEW 4-H year begins October 1 every year, which means September 30 marks the end of the 2008 year in 4-H. Every year, each member must complete a new enrollment application. We will be offering the annual “special incentive” for the first club to renew 100% of their members and for all clubs that renew at least 90% by the October 1 deadline.

Due October 15 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Your completed Secretary Book, your completed Treasurer’s Book and your Financial Report (accurate) are due to the county office.

You need to start your new year off by setting a date for your club officer elections and begin thinking about your goal(s) for 2009. Please remember that holding an office is a privilege and a “responsibility.” In most things, it is acceptable to “do what you can do,” but 4-Hers are held to a higher standard. 4-H officers should be at every club meeting (unless there is an unavoidable reason). In the event that an officer cannot make it, they should accept the responsibility of making sure there is a replacement for their duties. Elections may be held in late September, or in October.

We will provide L. O. T. S. (Local Officer Training School) at a date to be determined in October—usually after we have received all the new club officers’ lists. Club and County officers should attend the meeting to learn how to do their jobs properly.

In addition, September and October are also the perfect time to hold Club Leader and Volunteer Leader trainings. The specifics will be in the September newsletter. Be thinking about some great ideas we can use!

October 5 – 11 is National 4-H Week!

October is also National 4-H Month!

Start planning now for ways to promote 4-H in your community and the county. The 2008 National 4-H Week theme is “Keeping It Green.” With 4-H’s connection to environmental efforts, youth participating in environmental science and 4-Hers green brand logo, “Keeping It Green” shows how 4-H is bridging old ideas with new to teach youth environmental stewardship and connecting youth to science-related issues. I will have posters, sample news releases, bookmarks, stickers, etc. for your club to use in its promotion of 4-H week and month. We also have some new enrollment forms – come by and check them out.

Because Arkansas is also celebrating its 100th birthday in 2008, we will actually celebrate 4-H month in Perry County this year and will have Centennial activities and events throughout the month (October). Watch the local news and newsletters and emails for all the specifics!

2008 Awards and Achievement Banquet

Mark your calendars NOW for the banquet. It will be held on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30** beginning at 6:00 p.m. The location will be announced soon, but the theme is, of course, “4-H Is Having a Birthday Party.” The Teen Leaders are working hard to make this a very special and very fun banquet that you’ll always remember!

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for the Perry County Horse Club! Their Quiz Bowl Team are the state champs for the second consecutive year with club leader Vickie Hawkins. They are now eligible to compete against 13 other states for the Southern Regional competition. Keep up the great work!

Thanks!

State 4-H O-Rama

Join us in thanking those teens and adult volunteers who represented Perry County at the 2008 State 4-H O-Rama in Fayetteville. The teens competing were: Corey R., Candace R., Whitney W., Shelby M., Cody B. and Rachel H. Volunteer leader, Susan M^cGehee, helped chaperone and also represented Perry County at the Arkansas 4-H Leaders Association meeting. This was the first competition at the state level for many of the teens. They all did a great job!

Arts & Crafts Day

We would like to thank the teens and the many, many volunteers who came and helped with the Arts & Crafts Day! We had over 60 participants! We were so thrilled the day turned out so well and the youth want to have another day like that one! Thanks again for making it such a success!

Showmanship Clinic

We would like to thank the Teen Leaders who conducted the show/groom clinic at the fairgrounds. They did a wonderful job.

Livestock Testing

Also, a big thank you to Dr. Cy Shurtleff for making sure all our animals were tested and ready to register for the fair and to Tammy Wright for testing all the poultry! It was a long night!

Special News

Extension Council Members and 4-H Expansion & Review Committees be looking for an important announcement about a meeting in September. It is that of year again – planning for the 2009 program year. We also go over what we accomplished in 2008 and the financial reports, look at the map to locate possible new club sites, etc. Please make plans now to attend!

4-H Day at the State Fair!

4-H Day at the State Fair will be held on **Saturday, October 18**. Activity Chairmen include: Laura Connerly, Consumer Judging; Willa Williams, iRobot; Dr. John Hopkins, Entomology Exhibits; Jerry Wooley, Poultry BBQ; Steve Jones, Livestock Skills; State 4-H Officers, 4-H STEM. Come by the Extension office for more information.

Fall Hiking Trek

Applications are currently being accepted for the Fall Hiking Trek. A new school year is underway and Fall is in the air. Fall is the best time of year to go backpacking!
Who: 13 – 19 year olds
When: October 3 – 5
Cost: \$50 per person
Where: Mt. Magazine
What: Introduction to backpacking
Application: Basic for youth and adults
Due Date: until applications for filled (10 spots)
Equipment Needed: backpack and sleeping bag. Tent, stove and food will be provided!

Club News

Most clubs will be meeting in September to prepare for the upcoming fair. Please get in touch with each leader for more information on September meetings. Thank you.

St. Boniface – Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Juanita Nutt at 759-2399.

Perryville – 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Contact is Terri Tolley at 889-5670.

Toad Suck – Meetings are held at the Bigelow Community Center. Contact is Tara Rappold at 759-3051.

Lucky Livestock – Contact person is Tammy Wright at 889-4001.

Rose Creek – They meet at the Rose Creek community building. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

Horse – Meeting place is First Electric in Perryville on the 2nd Monday of each month. Contact person is Vickie Hawkins at 889-2845.

Wildlife – Contact person is Ed Brown at 889-2661.

Bigelow School – Contact person is Clyde West at 759-2176. This club meets during regular school hours as part of the Bigelow FFA program.

Teen Leaders – WOW building in Perry. Contact person is Susan M^cGehee at 662-4880.

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Calendar of Events

August Activities/Events/Due Dates

8 Livestock Testing
8 Poultry Testing
9 Mandatory Exhibitor
Meeting
29 Deadline for Scrambles
29 Deadline for Rada Cutlery

September Due Dates

6 Fair Parade 9 am
6 Clean Up Begins
8 Horse Show
9-13 Perry County Fair
9 Fair Entries Begin
10 All Entries in Place
10 Scrambles 7 pm Arena
13 Poultry in Place

October Due Dates

15 Financial Report
15 Treasurer's Report
15 Secretary's Book

October

1 New Year in 4-H!
1-31 National 4-H Month
5 National 4-H Week
6 Annual Club Fair
18 4-H Day
30 Awards Banquet

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Club and Contact Info

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Lucky Livestock	Tammy Wright	889-2098
Bigelow School	Clyde West	759-2176
Rose Creek	Susan M ^c Gehee	662-4880
Perryville	Terri Tolley	889-5670
Shooting Sports	Ed Brown	889-2661
Horse & Pony	Vickie Hawkins	889-2845
Wildlife	Ed Brown	889-2661
Toad Suck	Tara Rappold	759-3051
Teen Leaders	Susan M ^c Gehee	662-4880
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All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all youth between the ages of 5 and 19 without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or any other legally-protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity. All meeting places meet ADA requirements.

*“By all these lovely tokens September days are almost here,
with summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of cheer.”*

Birthdays for September . . . Happy Birthday!

Rachel R.	13	September 1	Perryville
Brandi S.	16	September 1	Perryville
Nathan H.	13	September 6	Rose Creek
Kayla S.	12	September 7	Horse
Courtney C.	8	September 8	Perryville
Emily H.	13	September 13	Wye Explorers
Rachel M.	12	September 16	St. Boniface
Gabe M ^c .	17	September 16	Bigelow School
Mary H.	6	September 17	Wye Explorers
Abigail H.	9	September 18	Perryville
Shelby M ^c .	15	September 22	Rose Creek
Brianna H.	12	September 25	Lucky Livestock
Mariah C.	6	September 26	Perryville
Leah N.	7	September 29	St. Boniface

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